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SUBJECT: CODEL PEARSON VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

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1. SENATOR JAMES B. PEARSON OF KANSAS, DEPARTED BELGRADE THURSDAY AFTER 4-DAY VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. SENATOR WAS RECEIVED IN COURSE OF HIS VISIT BY STANA TOMASEVIC-ARNESEN, PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE OF CHAMBER OF NATIONALISTS AND OTHER FEDERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES. DURING THEIR TALKS, SENATOR PEARSON EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECENTLY ADOPTED CHANGES IN YUGOSLAV CONSTITUTION AND HEARD AN EXPOSITION OF YUGOSLAV POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT. BESIDES GLOBAL ENERGY CRISIS, DELEGATES AND SENATOR DISCUSSED BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY ROLE OF OPIC (OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION) AGREEMENT IN FACILITATING FURTHER JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES. BOTH EXPRESSED DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING NUMBER OF SUCH VENTURES.

2. IN MEETING WITH DR. ANTON VRATUSA, VICE PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SENATOR PEARSON DISCUSSED BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INCLUDING VARIETY OF WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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3. ACCOMPANYING SENATOR ON HIS TRIP WERE PETER MCDONALD,

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER IN KANSAS, AND MR. JOHN W. SHIRLEY,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF USIA. MR. SHIRLEY MET WITH MR. DRAGOLJUB
BUDIMOVSKI, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SECRETARY FOR INFOR-
MATION, TO DISCUSS US/YUGOSLAV INFORMATION ACTIVITIES.

4. THE SEANTOR AND HIS PARTY LEFT THURSDAY FOR BUDHAREST
RUMANIA, FOR OPENING OF AMERICAN WESTERN ART EXHIBIT
AND CALLS ON ROMANIAN OFFICIALS.
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